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1. There are three types of penal camps and institutions in Bulgaria, as follows:¹
 - a. Type 1: Includes jails, correction camps, and other institutions which admit political and criminal offenders who have been sentenced by regular court hearings;
 - b. Type 2: Contains only political offenders and "elements of questionable loyalty" who have been sentenced by political-administrative organs of the government rather than by the courts; and
 - c. Type 3: "Marenko" camps, for persons whom the regime believes can be converted to Communism through proper and intensive teaching and indoctrination; instructors are officers of the Trudova Povinnost (Labor Service).
2. The Belene camp, for political offenders and unreliaables, has approximately 8,000-10,000 internees and is divided into two sections, one of which is on dry land and the other in a marshy area. Inmates work on the drainage canals around Svishtov. Failure to dig the required 8-10 cubic meters of earth per day results in such penalties as compulsory overtime work into the night, withholding of rations, or confinement in a basement cell into which water seeps constantly.²
3. A "Marenko" camp of approximately 500 persons works on the Rosen canal in the Ryala Slatina district; the group has no fixed camp site, but moves along with the work on the canal. A second "Marenko" camp is located in the Belogradchik area.
4. "Marenko" camps are guarded by members of the Trudovaks. The other two types of camps are guarded by various Militia units.

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